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1. EMBASSY'S QUICK WORK IN ELICITING ROKG AGENDA
PROPOSALS IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

2. WE SUGGEST AGENDA AS FOLLOWS:

-----I. REVIEW OF BILATERAL TRADE DEVELOPMENTS

-----A. OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPAND TRADE

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-----1. OUTLOOK FOR KOREAN AND U.S. ECONOMIES

-----2. REVIEW OF U.S. - KOREAN TRADE
-----3. UNITED STATES TRADE CENTER, SEOUL
-----4. PROGRESS IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
-----B. KOREA'S IMPORT REGIME
-----C. U.S. ACTIONS AFFECTING KOREAN EXPORTS
---- -D. OCEAN SHIPPING MATTERS
----II. ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN KOREA AND THE
----UNITED STATES
-----A. KOREAN FOURTH FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
-----PLAN
-----B. KOREA'S FOREIGN INVESTMENT CLIMATE
-----C. U.S. GOVERNMENT ROLE REGARDING U.S. INVESTMENT
-----IN KOREA
-----D. COOPERATION BETWEEN U.S. BUREAU OF STANDARDS

----- AND KOREAN INDUSTRIAL ADVANCEMENT ADMINISTRATION
----III. OTHER TOPICS
-----A. U.S. FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT
-----ACT OF 1976
-----B. KOREAN IMPORTS OF U.S. MOTION PICTURE FILMS
-----C. INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION IN KOREA
-----D. U.S. INSURANCE COMPANY OPERATIONS IN KOREA

3. EXCEPT FOR SOME RESTATEMENT OF TOPIC TITLES TO MAKE THEM MORE SUITABLE FOR FORMAL LISTING, AGENDA FOLLOWS COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTRY (MCI) PROPOSALS. KOREAN CONCERNS ABOUT PROTECTIONISM WILL BE DEALT WITH UNDER ITEM I.C.; U.S. EXIM BANK AND OPIC SUPPORT WILL BE COVERED UNDER ITEM I.A. 2 OR I.L.C. WE ASSUME THAT ISSUES OF OCEAN FREIGHT RATES AND SURCHARGE ON CONFERENCE LINE SHIPMENTS VIA PORT OF INCHON, ITEM I.D, ARE BEING DISCUSSED IN COURSE OF FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION CHAIRMAN'S CURRENT VISIT TO KOREA. WE SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT THIS ITEM BE DROPPED FROM SEVENTH MINISTERIAL AGENDA UNLESS MINISTRY INSISTS THAT IT BE RETAINED.

4. WITH RESPECT TO AGENDA ITEM I.A. 3. UNITED STATES TRADE CENTER, SEOUL, WE ENVISAGE THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE PRESENT TRADE CENTER FACILITY IN SEOUL AND MENTION THAT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT REQUESTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE CONGRESS FOR EXPANDING THESE FACILITIES, WE WOULD LIKE TO LOOK FORWARD AT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE TO SUCH EXPANSION, IF THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT WOULD LOOK FAVORABLY UPON SUCH ACTION.

5. DOES EMBASSY WISH SUGGEST ANY CHANGES? IF NOT, PLEASE OBTAIN MCI CONCURRENCE. SISCO

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